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for Enhancement of Stratum Corneum Function

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants submit herewith references which they believe may be material to the examination of this application and with respect to which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56.

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The references are listed in PTO Form 1449 which is in accordance with the requirements of M.P.E.P. 609. A copy of the references is also enclosed.

The references are:

1. U.S. Patent No. 6,150,381, issued to Subbiah, Ven, on November 21, 2000, and filed on June 9, 1998.

2. U.S. Patent No. 5,660,831, issued to Reinhard, Max, on August 26, 1997, and filed on July 24, 1995.
3. PCT Patent Application Publication No. WO 00/45786, publication date August 10, 2000.

It is respectfully requested that these references be considered by the Patent and Trademark Office in its examination of the above-identified application and be made of record therein. The Examiner is also invited to contact the Undersigned if there are any questions concerning this paper or the attached reference.

Respectfully submitted,

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